



OUR WHITE HOUSE

LOOKING IN, LOOKING OUT

Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out, an anthology produced by the National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance and featuring the work of 108 authors and illustrators, has been making headlines since it was published in September 2008. An incomparable collection of essays, personal accounts, historical fiction, poetry, and a stunning array of original art, ***Our White House*** offers a multifaceted look at America's history through the prism of the White House.

Learn more at: www.ourwhitehouse.org and www.thencbla.org.

Publishers Weekly Starred Review

"Eight years in the making, this anthology of White House history convenes an all-star roster of 108 children's authors and illustrators, as well as a few scholars and former White House employees and residents and it is a blue-ribbon choice for family sharing during an election year. Chronologically ordered, the entries range from poems to presidential speeches, satirical cartoons to stately portraits. . . . The volume makes the invaluable point that history does not have to be remote or abstract, but a personal and ongoing engagement."

The Horn Book Starred Review

"With something for adults and children alike is the sumptuous new anthology *Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out*. . . . The contributors are all luminaries of the children's book field. A fascinating, eminently browsable, and accessible entrance into the People's House."

School Library Journal Starred Review

"This handsome compendium is rich with excerpts, poems, and other writings about the historic residence, many of them personal in tone and subject. With artwork as eclectic as the text, the book offers glimpses into the presidents, their concerns, their families, and the mansion itself."

Featured on the "Martha Stewart Show" as One of "Eight Great Books for the Holidays"

On the December 15, 2008 "Martha Stewart Show," Martha advised procrastinating audience members and viewers to "Think books! I do!" as ideal holiday gifts. With that in mind *New York Times* book review editor Sam Tanenhaus shared recommendations of eight great books. *Our White House* was one of those books—the only children's book on his list!

L.A. Parent Recommendation

"This is the definitive White House book for history buffs young and old. Whether you seek ghost stories, architectural details, or personal accounts . . . you will not be disappointed. With amazing artwork and entries spanning more than 200 years from literary luminaries ranging from Charles Dickens to Walt Whitman, Gregory Maguire to David McCullough, there is material enough to keep you coming back for more."

Awards

- 2009-2010 National Endowment for the Humanities *We the People* "Picturing America" Bookshelf Award
- 2009 American Library Association's Great Web Sites for Kids
- 2009 American Library Association Notable Children's Book for All Ages, Nonfiction
- 2009 National Council for Social Studies and the Children's Book Council Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People
- 2009 International Reading Association Teachers' Choices Booklist Selection
- Amazon.com Best Books of 2008 Top 10 Editors' Pick for Middle Readers
- Parents' Choice Foundation Recommended Book Award, Fall 2008
- *School Library Journal* Best Books of the Year 2008
- *The Horn Book* Fanfare, Best Books of 2008
- Publisher's Weekly 2008 Best Books of the Year, Children's Nonfiction
- Publishers Weekly 2008 Cuffie Award, Best Nonfiction Treatment of a Subject, Honorable Mention
- Scripps-Howard News Service Favorite Children's Book of 2008



Print Media Citations, Recommendations, and Reviews

- Booklist*, 8/1/08 (circ. 24,150)
Kirkus, 8/1/08 (circ. 5,000)
VOYA, 9/1/08 (circ. 6,900)
Washington Post, 9/10/08 (circ. 673,000)
People Magazine, 10/13/08 (circ. 3,618,718)
USA Today, 12/11/08 (circ. 2,284,219)
FamilyFun, 11/1/08 (circ. 2,013,447)
New York Times Book Review, 11/09/08 (circ. 1,077,256)
Weekly Reader, 9/10/08 (circ. 1.2 million, senior and grade 3 editions)
Boys Life, 1/09 (circ. 1.1 million)
Chicago Tribune, 11/15/2008 (circ. 516,032)
Bookpage, 9/1/08 (circ. 500,000)
Newsday, 10/19/08 (circ. 441,728)
San Francisco Chronicle, 11/23/08 (circ. 339,430)
Cleveland Plain Dealer, 11/1/08 (circ. 330,280)
Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 10/12/08 (circ. 289,061)
Charlotte Observer, 10/26/08 (circ. 262,124)
The Buffalo News, 11/09/08 (circ. 255,369)
The Chicago Sun Times, 10/26/08 (circ. 247,469)
Palo Alto Weekly, 12/5/08 (circ.186,781)
Learning, 10/08 (circ. 150,000)
World magazine, 10/18-10/25, 2008 (circ. 132,112)
The Florida Times Union, 11/10/08 (circ. 127,661)
Post and Courier, 9/26/08 (circ. 93,859)
The Milford Daily News, 09/12/2008 (circ. 78,500)
Washington Parent, October 2008 (circ. 75,000)
Deseret News, 11/2/08 (circ. 73,817)
American Libraries, 8/1/08 (circ. 65,936)
Pittsburgh Parent, 11/01/2008 (circ. 50,000)
L.A. Parent, 1/09 (circ. 102,815)
- Ingram Children's Advance*, 9/01/2008 (circ. 45,728)
The Free Lance-Star, 09/23/2008 (circ. 45,600)
American Spirit (Magazine of the Daughters of the American Revolution), Sept/Oct 2008 (circ. 40,000)
Tri City Herald (Yakima, WA), 12/2/08 (circ. 39,725)
Publishers Weekly, Fall 2008 Sneak Preview, 02/18/2008 (circ. 35,000)
The Bloomsbury Review, 11/01/08 (circ. 35,000)
School Library Journal, 12/15/08 (circ. 31,635)
The Norwich Bulletin, 11/03/08 (circ. 22,480)
Library Media Connection, Nov/Dec 2008 (circ. 18,000)
Book Links, 11/08 (circ. 15,231)
PW Children's Bookshelf, 1/10/2008, 8/14/08, and 10/02/08 (circ. 14,000)
ForeWord, Sept/Oct 2008 (circ. 7,500)
Bureau County Republican, 11/06/08 (circ. 7,340)
Etc. For Her Magazine, 12/01/08 (circ. 2,500)
Children's Book Guild newsletter
SLJ's Curriculum Connections, 9/01/2008
Borders Shortlist newsletter, 10/28/08
Library Sparks, January 2009
Urbanite Magazine, #55, January 2009 (circ. 60,000)
Memphis Parent, 1/1/09 (circ. 37,000)
The Sacramento Bee, 1/13/09 (circ. 253,249)
Dayton Daily News, 1/13/09 (circ. 459,375)
Boys' Life (circ. 1,183,133)
Chico Enterprise-Record, 1/18/09 (circ. 27,446)
Ventura County Star, 1/18/09 (circ. 83,107)
The Coastal Press, 12/2-12/8, 2008 (circ. 3,800)
Pilot, 12/14/08 (circ. 14,735)

Events

- May 10, 2008: **Children's Literature New England Reception**
- May 31, 2008: Mary Brigid Barrett, Kathleen Krull, Katherine Paterson, and M.T. Anderson featured at **BEA panel discussion and reception** (Los Angeles)
- June 27, 2008: **ALA dinner** with Mary Brigid Barrett
- June 28, 2008: **ALA breakfast** with Mary Brigid Barrett, Robert Byrd; Kathleen Krull; Nikki Grimes; Leonard Marcus; David Macaulay
- June 28, 2008: **ALA signing**
- September 25, 2008: **Children's Literature Guild Luncheon** with featured speakers Mary Brigid Barrett, Katherine Paterson, and Lynda Robb (Washington, DC)
- September 26, 2008: **Politics & Prose panel event** with Mary Brigid Barrett, Steven Kellogg, Katherine Paterson, and Lynda Johnson Robb (Washington, DC)
- September 27, 2008: **National Book Festival panel event** with Mary Brigid Barrett, Steven Kellogg, Katherine Paterson, and Jon Scieszka, (Washington DC)
- October 11, 2008: **Southern Festival of Books panel event** with Mary Brigid Barrett, Lynda Robb, Patricia and Frederick McKissack (Nashville, TN)
- January 22, 2009: **Cambridge Public Library event** with Timothy Basil Ering and Gregory Maguire

Television

Featured on the “Martha Stewart Show” on FOX 12/15/08 as one of “8 Great Books for the Holidays”(the only children’s title selected!)
WBALTV Channel 11 in Baltimore, 1/6/09

Radio

Book Bit (WTBF-AM/FM, Troy, AL), 11/4/08

Video

Featured in Kennedy Center for Performing Arts Series, 11/06/08
Featured on Reading Rockets, 9/29/08

Syndicated Feature Columns

Newton’s Book News
Scripps Howard “A Tour of the White House”
Scripps Howard “Favorite Books of the Year”
Washington Post
Bookworm
Book Report
Associated Press (Lynda Robb/Inauguration coverage)

Websites and E-Newsletters

WeeklyReader.com, 9/1/08 – added content to supplement print features
History Channel e-newsletter, 10/08 (circ. 160,000 educators)
Notes from the Horn Book, 9/10/2008 (online newsletter)
Advocate Weekly.com, 10/15/08
Sound Authors.com interview with Mary Brigid Barrett, 10/24/08
Grandparents.com, 11/3/08
Classbrain.com, 8/26/2008
Expressbuzz.com, 9/12/08
Kiwimagazine.com, 9/1/08
Wondertime.com election feature, 11/08
Savannah Now.com, 11/3/08
Commonsensemedia.org, 9/1/2008
Magic Bookshelf online, 10/2/08
Library of Congress Young Readers’ Toolkit, 8/22/08
PoliticalDaily.org
Children’s Bookpage.com
PR Newswire.com, 7/14/08
ReadtheSpirit.com
Richie’s Picks
DePauw University News Online
Citizen-Times.com, 10/20/08
marinij.com (Marin Independent Journal), 11/15/08
Grandparents.com, 10/1/08
KidsVT.com, 12/29/08
Beliefnet.com, 1/14/09
Teensreadtoo.com, January 2009
“An ABC Baker's Dozen: Top Picks for an Inauguration Display,”
Association of Booksellers for Children e-newsletter, 1/14/09
Reading Tub, Fall 2008
The Morning News.org, 1/21/09

Blogs

Meg Cabot
PJ Lynch
Calef Brown
Planet Ham (Matt Phelan’s blog)
Soulemama
First Book
Through the Looking Glass
A Patchwork of Books
My Readable Feast
Laura Williams’ Musings
RedHatRob
Knitting4Shirley
Bookazine Kids
Contending with the Culture
Read Write Believe
Fantasy Book Critic
Franklin Matters
The Joy of Children’s Literature
Allen County Mock Sibert
NotionsCapital
The Bookworm
Jeannine Atkins
PockySlash blog on LiveJournal.com
Blatant Bibliophiles
Galleycat blog on Mediabistro – features downloadable stickers
Publishers Weekly The Book Maven
Agnes Minerva
Anokaberry
Chicken Spaghetti
Mom Most Traveled
Blessed Family of Flowers
Seven Impossible Things Before Breakfast
MamaSparkles
McBookWolds
InkRethink
Kid Lit Kit
Semicolon
Reindeer Dreams Christmas
Maeve Visser Knoth
HistoryTech
Carol’s Corner (blog of a Cybils Awards judge)
BookSages
Jen Robinson’s Book Page
Reading with Becky
Cynthia Leitich Smith
Transliteracy: the digital hug (list of inauguration resources)
Children’s Books, History, and Historical Fiction
Rarely Home Mom
GlitterMommies
A Fuse 8 Production (SLJ blog)
Manz Media Center (list of inauguration resources)